



Romania

Winter Adventure

7 days

Experience a winter adventure through the mountains of Romania, combining skiing, snow hiking, and wildlife encounters. From the medieval streets of Braşov to the snowy slopes of Poiana Braşov, each day brings a new outdoor challenge. Meet rescued bears at the Liberty Bear Sanctuary and explore the legendary Bran Castle. Hike deep into the wild Făgăraş Mountains and stay overnight in a remote mountain cabana surrounded by snow-covered forests. Learn winter mountain skills, track wildlife in the snow, and enjoy the thrill of life in the Carpathians. This journey blends adventure, nature, and Romanian culture into an unforgettable winter escape.



[Learn more about our Carbon Labels](#)

Your Recommended Expedition Itinerary

Day 1	Arrival & Welcome to the Mountains Upon arrival, we will be greeted by our guide and transferred to the charming mountain city of Braşov. The journey offers a first glimpse of Romania's winter landscapes. After check-in, we will enjoy a relaxed walk through the medieval Old Town and a welcome dinner, setting the tone for the week ahead.	D
Day 2	Ski Experience for All Levels Today is dedicated to skiing in Poiana Braşov, Romania's most popular winter resort. Whether we are complete beginners or experienced skiers, the day is tailored to our level, with instructors available for those learning and plenty of slopes for more advanced participants. In the afternoon, those who still have energy can enjoy sledging or simply relax with a warm drink while taking in the alpine atmosphere.	BLD
Day 3	Bears, Legends & Into the Wild The day begins with a visit to the Liberty Bear Sanctuary near Zărneşti, where rescued brown bears live in a protected natural environment. We then continue to Bran Castle, famous for its connection to the Dracula legend and its dramatic hilltop setting. In the afternoon, the programme shifts towards a more adventurous tone as we head towards the Făgăraş Mountains and hike up to a mountain cabana. The ascent through snowy forests leads to a cosy and remote overnight stay.	BLD
Day 4	More Skiing & Ice Skating A second day on the slopes allows us to build confidence and fully enjoy the skiing experience. Beginners often see great progress, while stronger skiers can explore more of the mountain. In the late afternoon, we return to Braşov for a fun and social ice-skating session, followed by a relaxed evening in town, with opportunities to discover local cuisine and cozy cafés.	BLD
Day 5	Winter Hiking & Mountain Skills Today is dedicated to exploring the high mountain environment. Depending on weather and snow conditions, we hike towards the ridge, enjoying spectacular winter scenery and a true sense of wilderness. Along the way, our guide may introduce basic winter survival techniques, from understanding mountain conditions to simple emergency skills. The hike returns to the same cabana, where a warm meal and a relaxed evening await.	BLD
Day 6	Descent & Wildlife Tracking After breakfast, we descend from the mountains, experiencing a different perspective of the landscape. Along the way, there is a chance to observe and learn about animal tracks in the snow, offering insight into the hidden wildlife of the Carpathians. Once back at lower altitude, a transfer will take us back to Braşov. The evening is free to relax or explore.	BLD
Day 7	Leisure & Departure Our final morning is kept flexible, allowing time for a short city walk, souvenir shopping, or simply enjoying a coffee in a historic square in beautiful Braşov. Depending on our departure plans, we will be transferred to the airport for our journey home, concluding a week filled with winter activities, culture, and mountain experiences.	B



Look what's included:

- International flights
- All accommodation, transportation and activities
- All food as described above
- Local, bi-lingual, first-aid qualified STC leader
- Parent and student trip launch presentation
- Pre-travel information sessions
- ATOL financial protection
- Group first aid kit and prescription meds pack
- BS8848 safety management and risk assessments
- Detailed pre-departure information and kit lists
- Comprehensive teacher travel packs
- Permanent operations team in your destination
- 24-hour UK operational support whilst overseas
- Donations to two carbon & conservation charities
- Free Fairtrade t-shirt for every participant and teacher
- Free travel guide book to your destination on request

What's not included:

- Transport to airport in UK
- Drinks (advice will be given on purification of water)
- Visas or tourist cards if required
- Any required inoculations
- Emergency Medical & Repatriation Insurance
- Personal spending money
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters (ask for guidance)
- Airport departure taxes paid locally
- Personal effects and cancellation insurance



A word about Responsible Tourism

On our expeditions and educational journeys, we strive to connect teachers and students with the people they meet, nurture the cultures they experience and protect the beautiful environments they are lucky enough to explore.

Many companies talk the talk, few truly walk the walk. We are far from perfect, but we are leading the way in sustainability in the school travel sector. In 2018 we were the first UK travel company to become **Travelife Certified** – a verified sustainability certificate formally recognised by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council.

This is our passion, and we'd love to tell you more about it in due course. In the meantime, for more information on some of the steps we take as a company to make our operations more sustainable, please visit:

<https://www.thestc.co.uk/travel/what-do-we-do/>

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Physical Rating for this trip: Grade 4



Fitness is important at this grade, which compares to extended walking in mountainous terrain such as the Lakes or Snowdonia, for up to three to five days in a row. It is likely that significant sections of a trip will involve walking and trekking with some days up to eight hours. Some of the trip could be at altitudes of up to 4,500m, but the itinerary will be designed with appropriate acclimatisation in mind. Be prepared for significant possible variations in temperatures throughout the tour. There is not usually time to 'get fit' on these treks, so a two to four-month fitness improvement programme would ensure you get the most out of the trip.

Cultural Rating for this trip: Grade 2



Expect to find local life broadly familiar to that in the UK, however aspects of the trip are likely to be in remoter areas where differences are more profound. Whilst English may not be the native language, you can expect it to be widely spoken. There may be some cultural differences and although western palates should be well catered for there will be the opportunity to try new dishes.



Travel Safety & Other Expedition Training

Preparing students and teachers for their upcoming adventure is an opportunity to teach important life skills and a vital part of our overall approach to safety management. Please ask for your quote for the training schedule specific to your expedition. Topics covered will include:

Responsible Tourism workshop

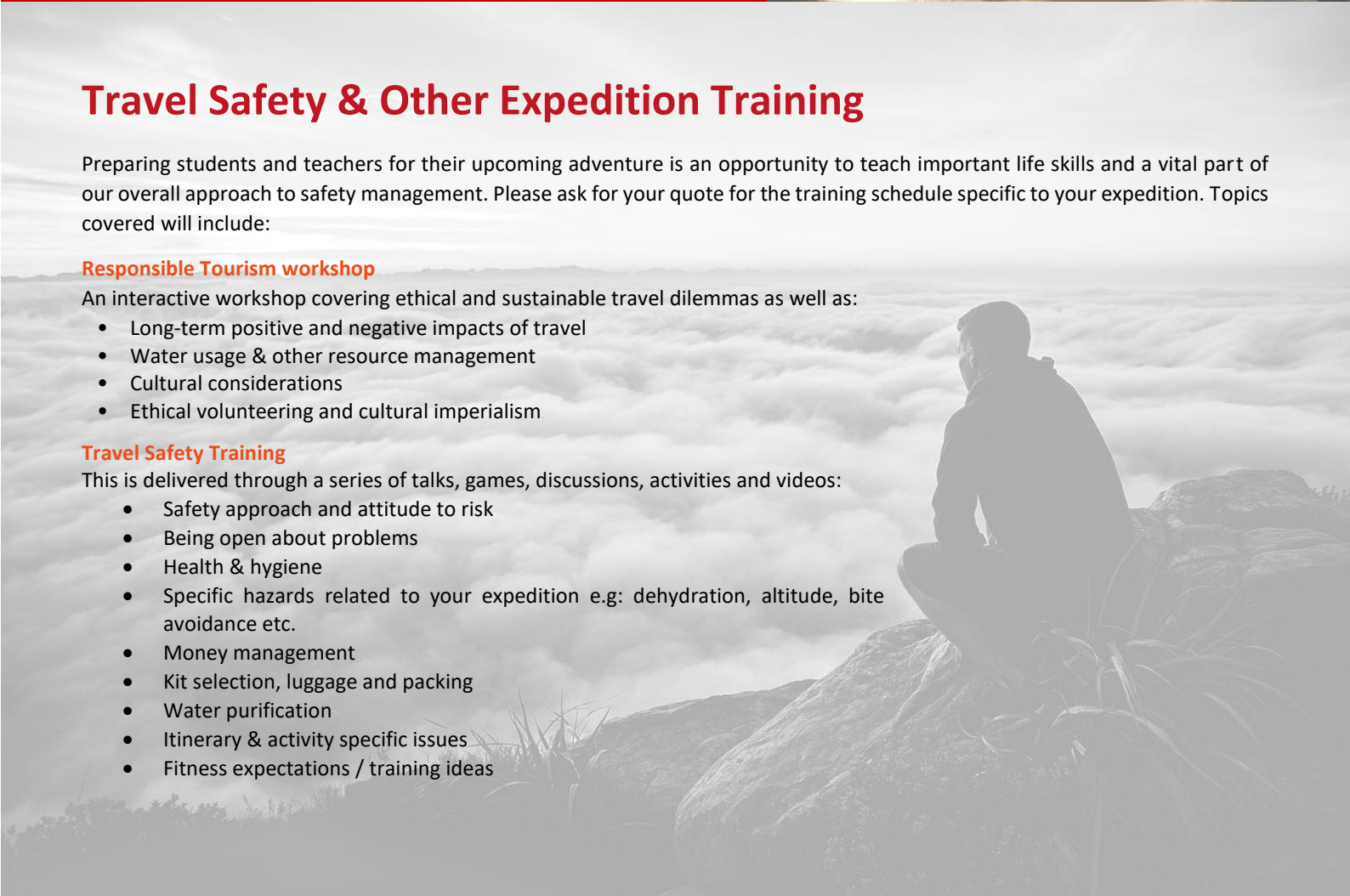
An interactive workshop covering ethical and sustainable travel dilemmas as well as:

- Long-term positive and negative impacts of travel
- Water usage & other resource management
- Cultural considerations
- Ethical volunteering and cultural imperialism

Travel Safety Training

This is delivered through a series of talks, games, discussions, activities and videos:

- Safety approach and attitude to risk
- Being open about problems
- Health & hygiene
- Specific hazards related to your expedition e.g: dehydration, altitude, bite avoidance etc.
- Money management
- Kit selection, luggage and packing
- Water purification
- Itinerary & activity specific issues
- Fitness expectations / training ideas





A journey of 1,000 miles...

Starts with a single step... Contact us now to start your expedition journey

1 Ask for your personalised quote & further information

If this itinerary doesn't quite scratch your expedition itch then let us tailor-make one for you. Our wealth of experience and expert in-country contacts means we can design an adventure that's just right for you and your students. Contact us for more information and a detailed quote.

2 Ask for risk assessments and marketing materials

We can provide initial risk and threat assessments to help you with your expedition approval process. Ask for posters and your Pre-Booking Information Pack too.

3 Arrange an expedition launch evening

This is a chance for students and parents to hear more about the expedition with a comprehensive information evening covering the itinerary, safety management, the build-up to the trip and lots more. There is also plenty of opportunity for questions.



The home of the modern, innovative school expedition, where a sustainable, ethical approach guarantees unique experiences and a life-enhancing adventure.

"I am being completely serious when I say that I won't ever run a school trip without you guys. I trust you and your team completely - and the in-country staff that you carefully cultivate and train are a cut above the rest."

Teacher feedback, King's High Warwick

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